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IoT Demo on the Connected LaunchPad TM4C products

Smart Home Gateway

There are countless resources in the IoT world today. Embedded system engineers are faced with a large variety of protocols, cloud services, platforms, techniques and solutions to choose from. Because most of these resources seem disjointed, we have tried most of them and put together a complete set of resources that you will need to develop an IoT device in less time.



The purpose of this demo is to introduce you to the following resources of choice for the IoT:

- The Texas Instruments Connected LaunchPad TM4C platform.
- The IAR Systems Embedded Workbench for ARM.
- The 2lemetry ThingFabric™ IoT platform.
- Micrium embedded software and tools.

The following IoT demo simulates a series of home appliances that you can control and monitor from the web. The minimum hardware requirements include the following components:

- Windows PC
- Texas Instruments Connected LaunchPad (TM4C1294)
- Ethernet Cable
- Micro USB Cable
- IAR Systems Embedded Workbench for ARM
- Micrium μ C/Probe

Step 1

Installing IAR Systems Embedded Workbench for ARM

The IAR Systems Embedded Workbench for ARM incorporates a compiler, an assembler, a linker and a debugger into one single integrated development environment (IDE).

In this step you will install the 32K Kickstart edition of IAR Systems Embedded Workbench for ARM by downloading the installer from the following link:

<http://supp.iar.com/Download/SW/?item=EWARM-EVAL>

The same installer is used for both the 30-day time-limited and the Kickstart (size-limited) evaluation edition.

Step 2

Installing Micrium Software

2.1. Installing Micrium Embedded Software

The Micrium Embedded Software includes μ C/OS-III and μ C/TCP-IP in pre-compiled linkable library form. The application level code is provided for free and solely as a reference to help engineers use Micrium, Texas Instruments and 2lemetry products.

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You can download the Micrium embedded software from the following link:

<http://micrium.com/download/iot-tm4c1294-smarthomegateway>

Simply extract the contents in your PC. This guide will make reference to this embedded software by calling it the Micrium folder at `$\Micrium\`.

2.2. Installing Micrium μ C/Probe

Micrium μ C/Probe is a Windows application designed to read and write the memory of any embedded target processor during run-time. Memory locations are mapped to a set of virtual controls and indicators placed on a dashboard. We will use μ C/Probe to monitor and control the IoT device.

In this step you will install the Educational Edition of μ C/Probe by downloading the **μ C/Probe Windows Installer** from the following link:

<http://micrium.com/tools/ucprobe/software-and-docs/>

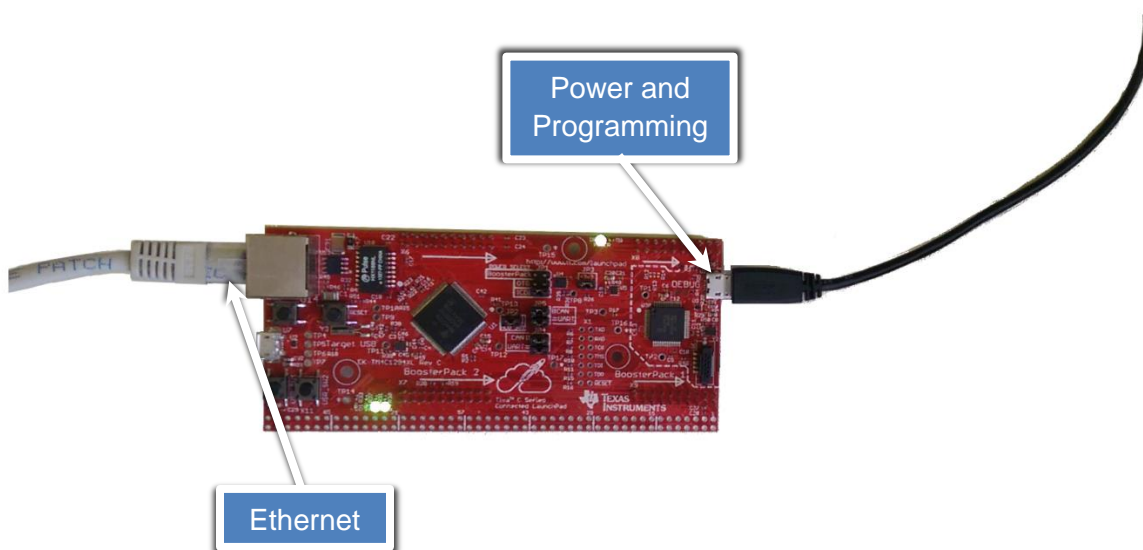
The Educational Edition of μ C/Probe is available for free evaluation with a few limitations such as a limited amount of features and a limited amount of continuous run-time. This license can be upgraded to the Basic or Professional Editions at any time. For more information go to the following address:

<http://micrium.com/tools/ucprobe/features/>

Step 3

Connecting the Texas Instruments TM4C1294

The TM4C1294 shown below is an evaluation and demonstration board for the Connected LaunchPad TM4C microcontrollers.

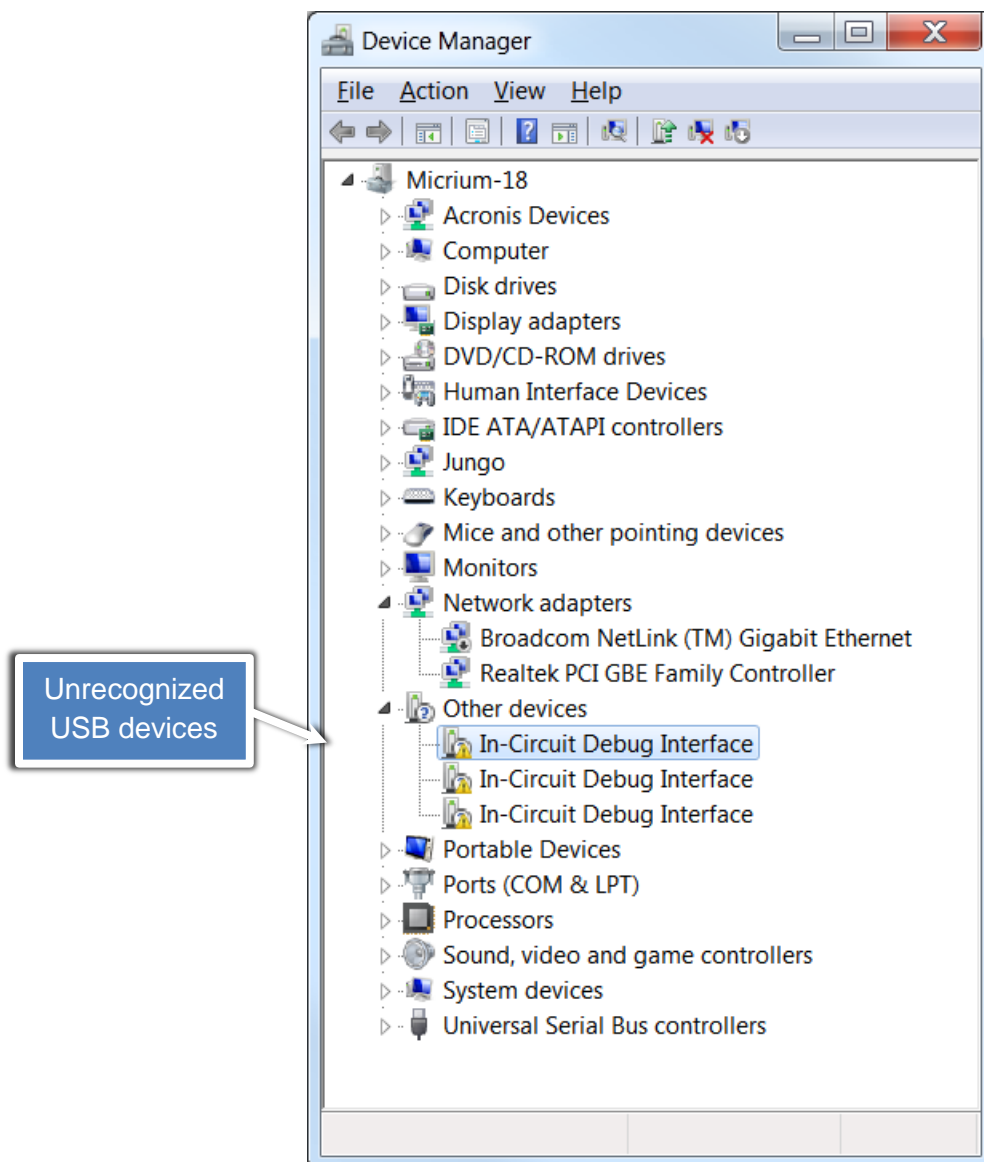


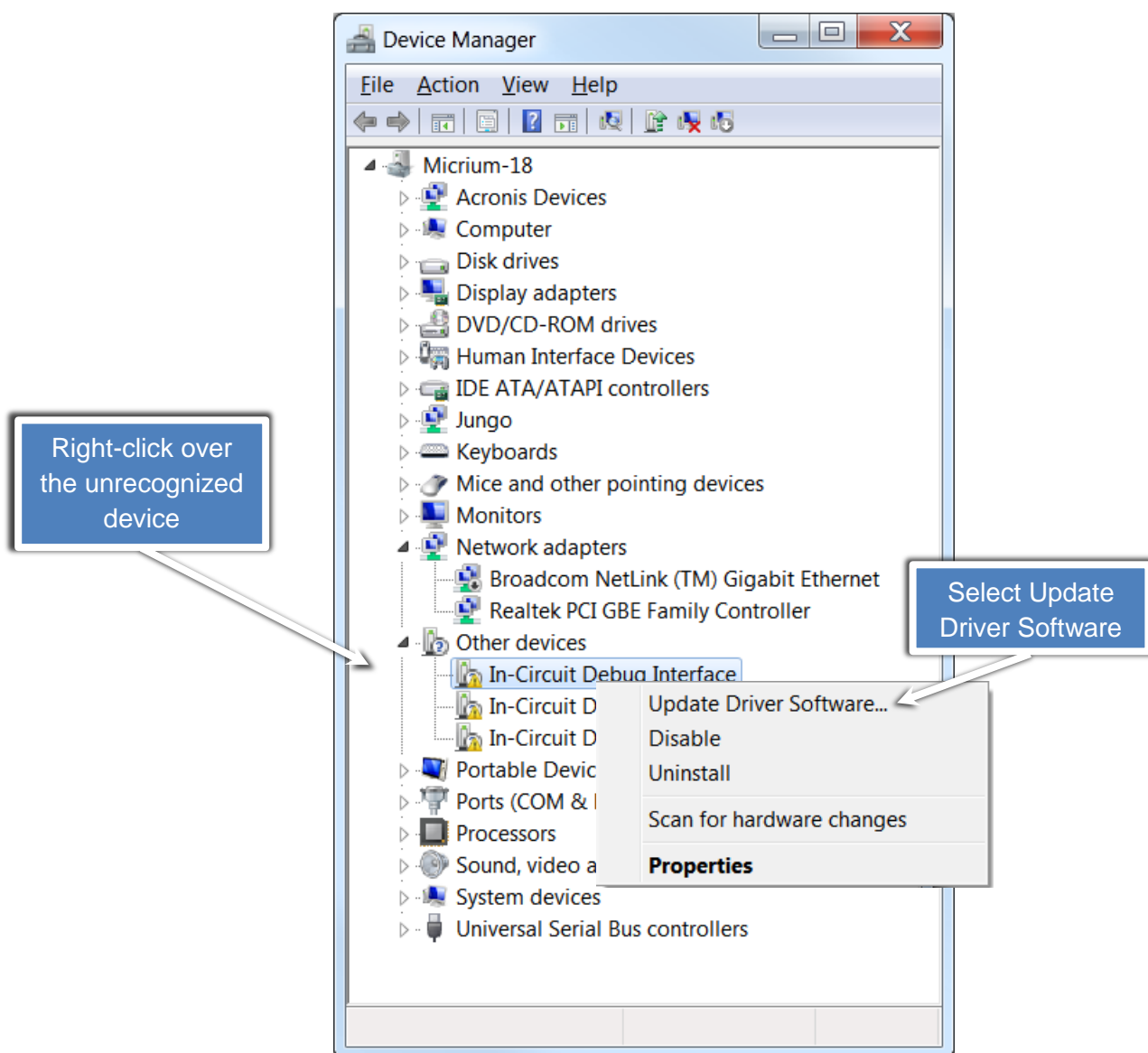
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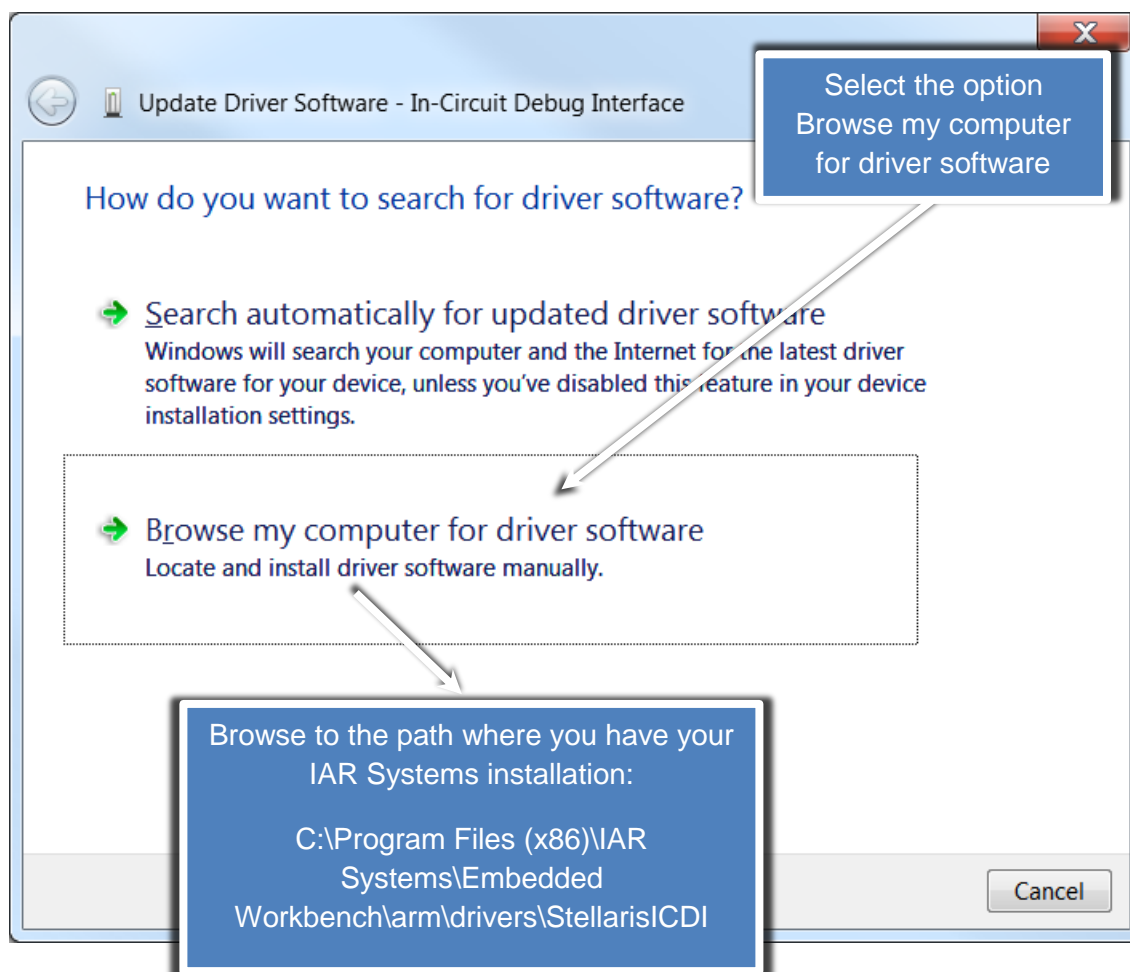
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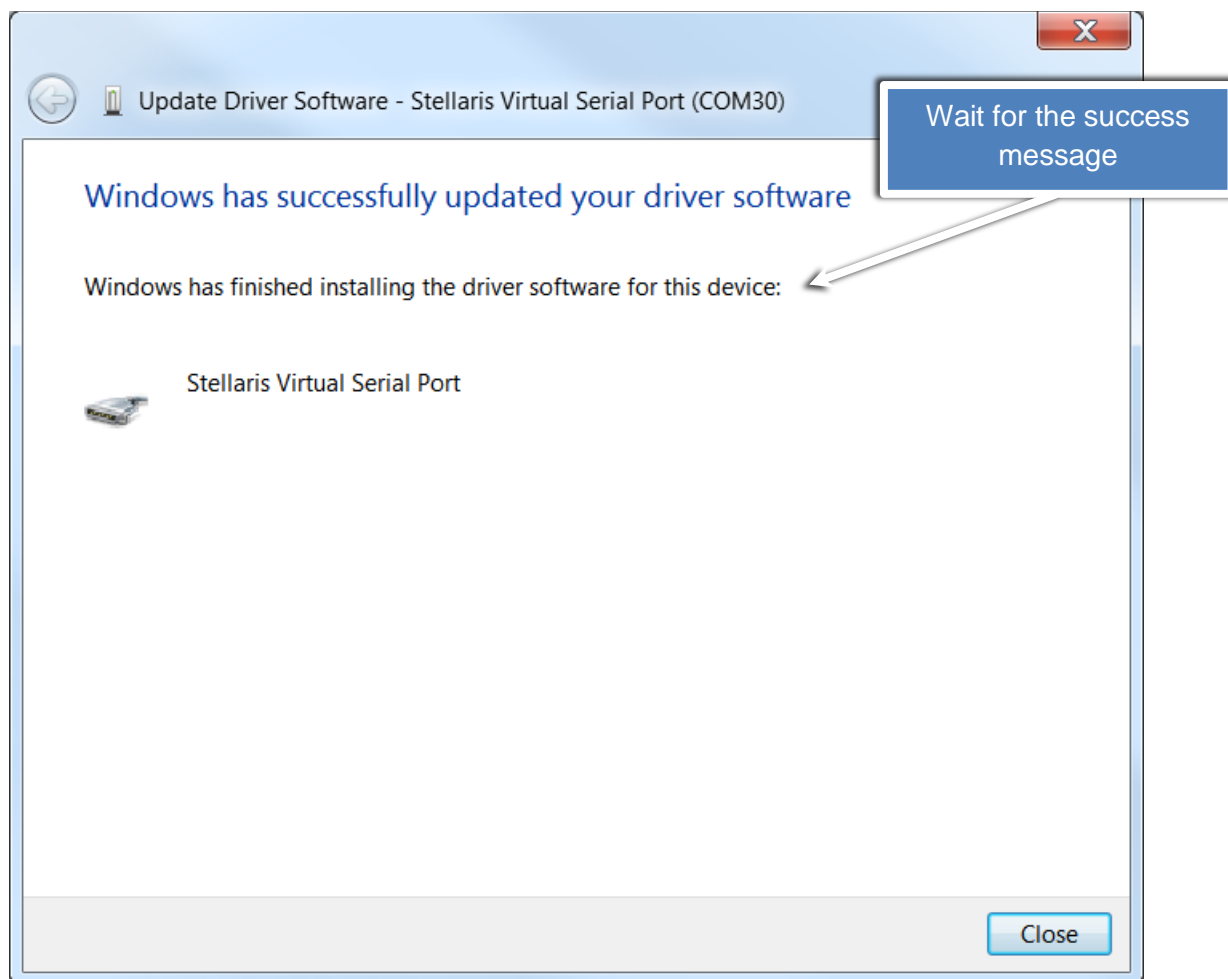
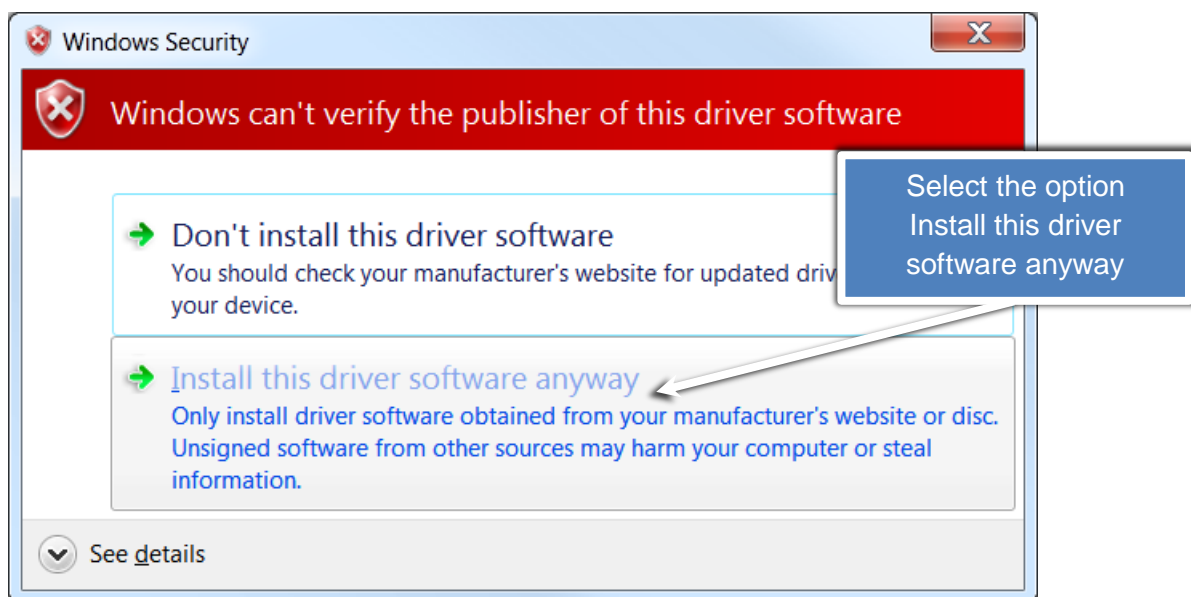
Installing the Windows Drivers for the Connected LaunchPad TM4C products

The first time you connect the board as described in the previous step, depending on your version of Windows and IAR Systems, Windows may not recognize the USB device. You have to actually install the drivers manually by opening the Device Manager in the Control Panel as shown below:

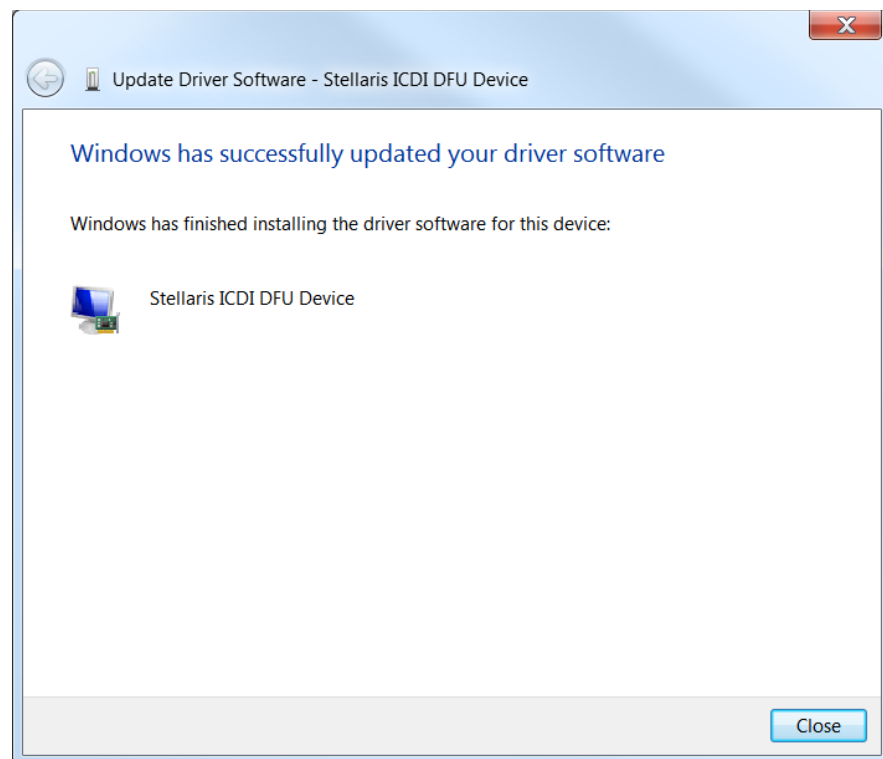
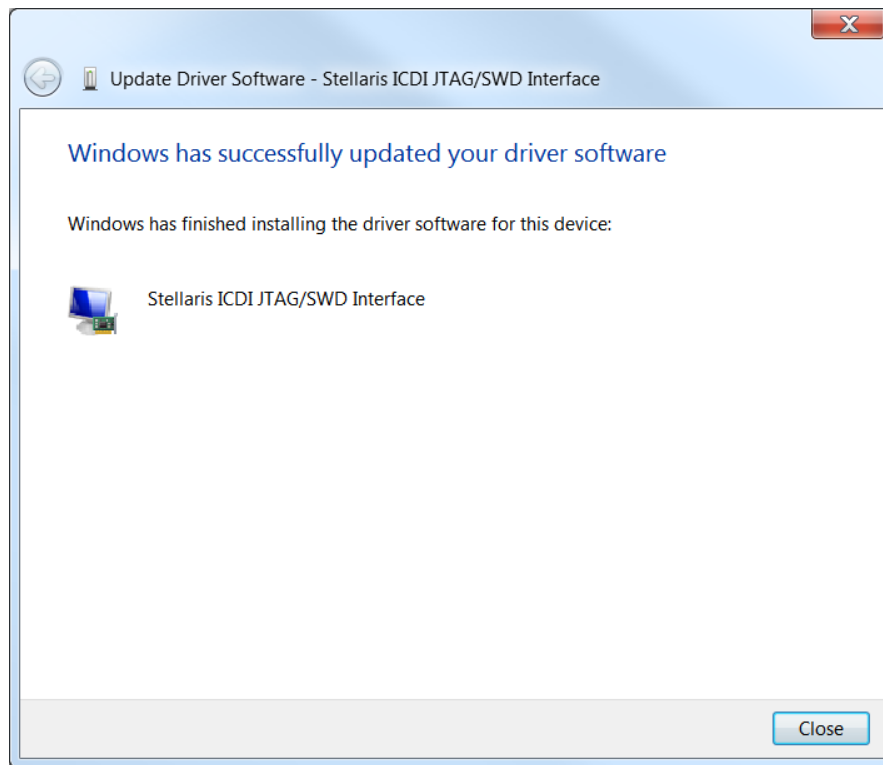








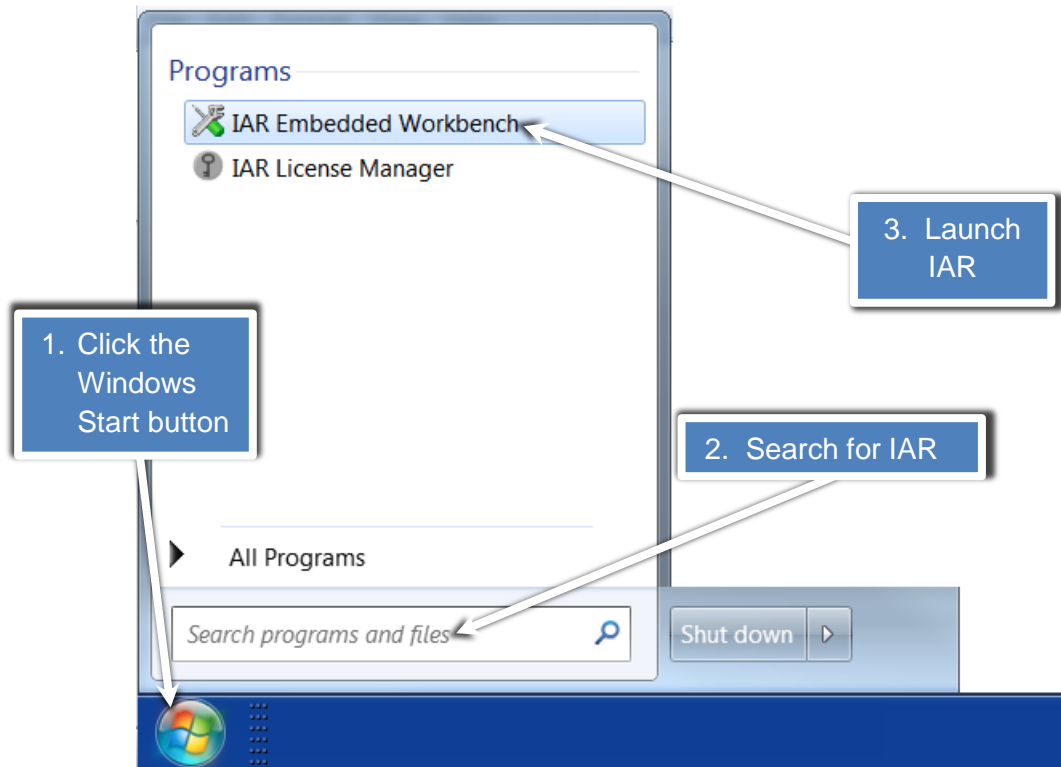
Repeat the same process for the remaining two unrecognized USB devices until you get the following two success messages:



Step 5

Working with IAR Systems Embedded Workbench for ARM

5-1. The easiest way to open the IAR Systems Embedded Workbench for ARM is by either launching the shortcut on your desktop or by typing in the keyword IAR in the search box shown below:



5-2. Click **File** → **Open** → **Workspace...** and browse to the workspace file **uC-MQTT-SmartHomeGwy-Ether.eww** located at the following path in your Windows PC:

```
└─Micrium
   └─Examples
      └─TI
         └─EK-TM4C1294XL
            └─uC-MQTT-SmartHomeGwy-Ether
               └─EW_IAR
```

Depending on the version of IAR Embedded Workbench installed in your Windows PC, you may be asked to let the tool update your project to your version's format.

You can safely accept and let the tool bring up your project to the correct format. The workspace will open in a window similar to the one shown in the image below:

Step 6

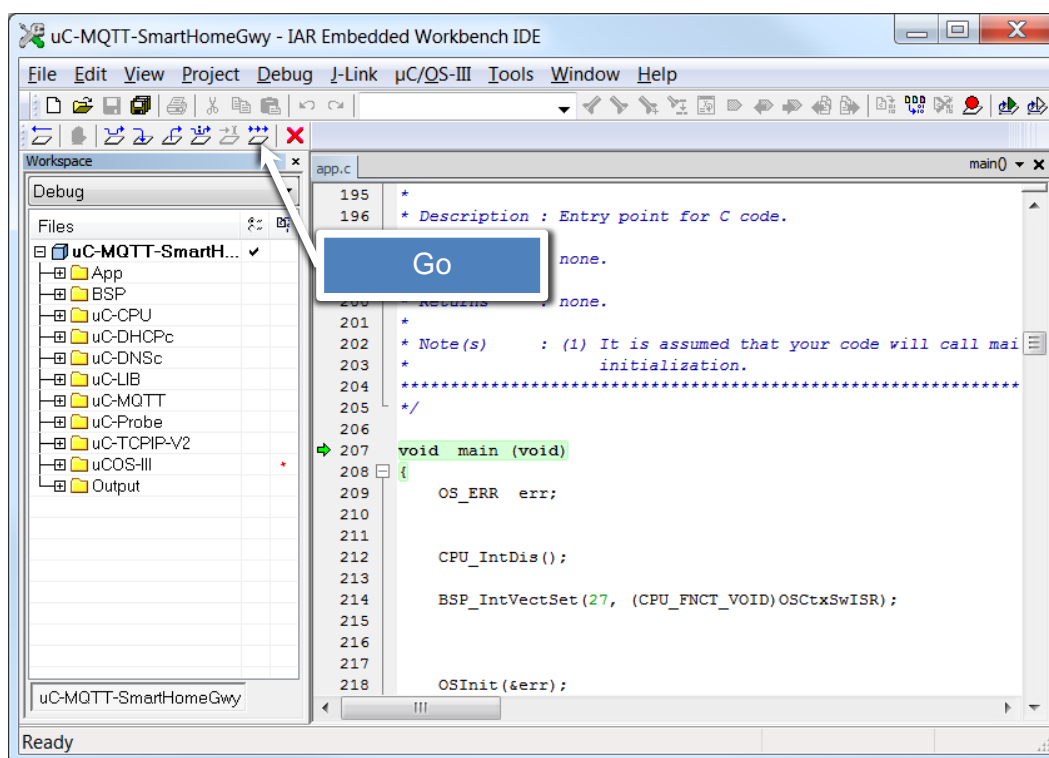
Executing the IoT Example

In this step you will download the example code into Flash memory and start a debugging session using IAR Systems Embedded Workbench.

6-1. Click **Project** → **Download and Debug** to execute the example.

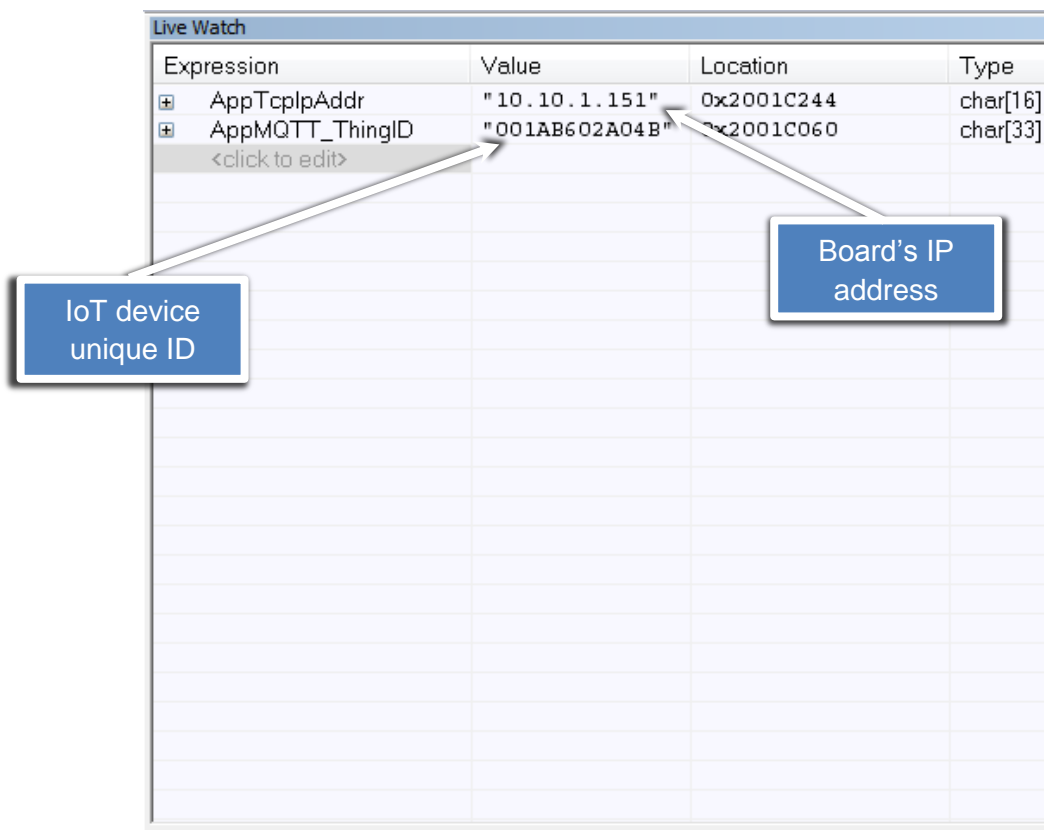
6-2. The project will be compiled and a debugging session will be launched.

6-3. The debugger will start by halting the CPU at the main entry point as shown below. Simply press the **Go** button to start execution.



6-4. The example will start μ C/OS-III and μ C/TCP-IP. The μ C/DHCPc will negotiate an IP Address with the network's DHCP server in a process that can take between 1-30 seconds depending on network traffic.

6-5. Use the IAR's Live Watch window to inspect the IP address that your IoT device was able to negotiate with the DHCP server. Click **View** → **Live Watch** and enter the variable name **AppTcpIpAddr** as shown below:



The screenshot shows a 'Live Watch' window with a table of variables. Two callout boxes with arrows point to specific values: 'IoT device unique ID' points to the 'AppMQTT_ThingID' value, and 'Board's IP address' points to the 'AppTcpIpAddr' value.

Expression	Value	Location	Type
AppTcpIpAddr	"10.10.1.151"	0x2001C244	char[16]
AppMQTT_ThingID	"001AB602A04B"	0x2001C060	char[33]
<click to edit>			

Similarly, inspect the value of the string ***AppMQTT_ThingID*** as illustrated in the image above. This is your board's unique ID in the cloud and you are going to need this information later.

Step 7

Monitoring and Controlling the IoT Device from μ C/Probe

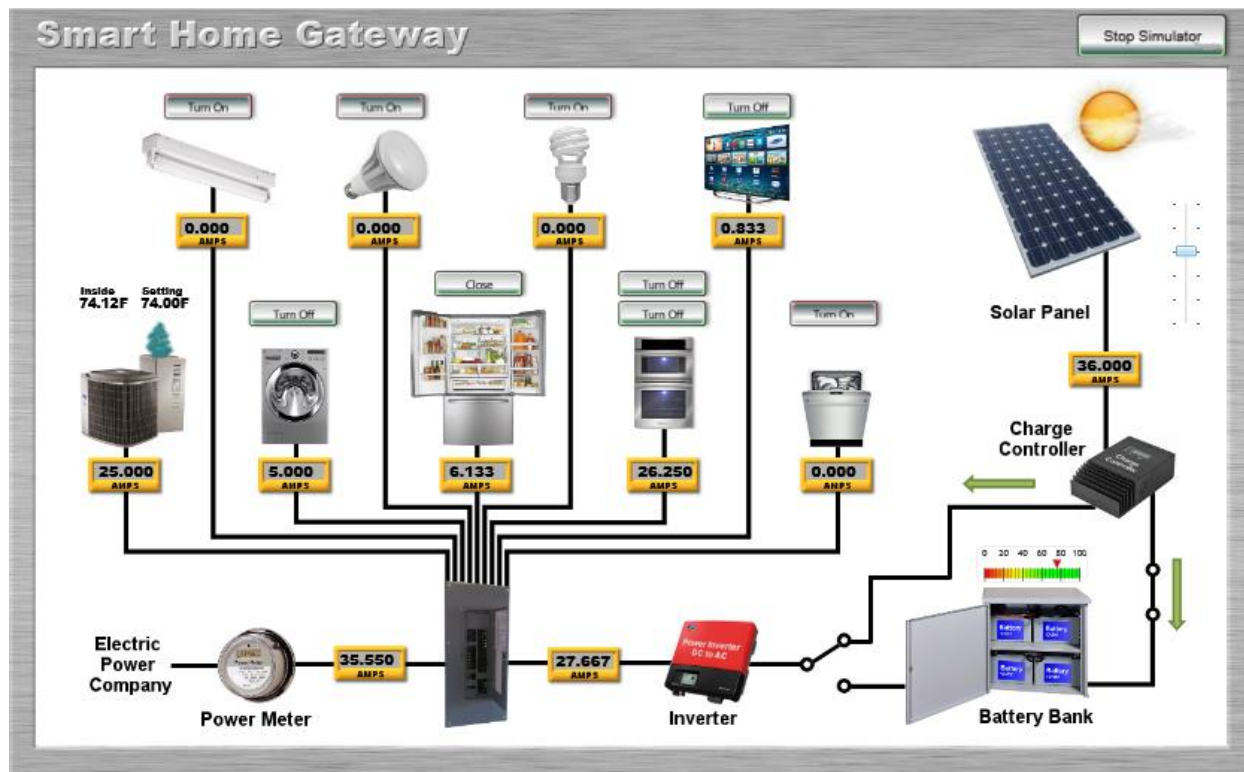
The IoT example featured in this demo runs a simulator to create data for a Smart Home Gateway. The theory of operation can be described as follows:

The sun shines on the solar panels and they generate DC electricity.

This DC current is routed into an inverter that converts it to 120 volts AC, the same as the house's main supply.

Any surplus electricity generated by the system not used by the appliances is used to charge the battery bank or fed back into the mains electricity supply grid; for which a credit is received in the electric bill.

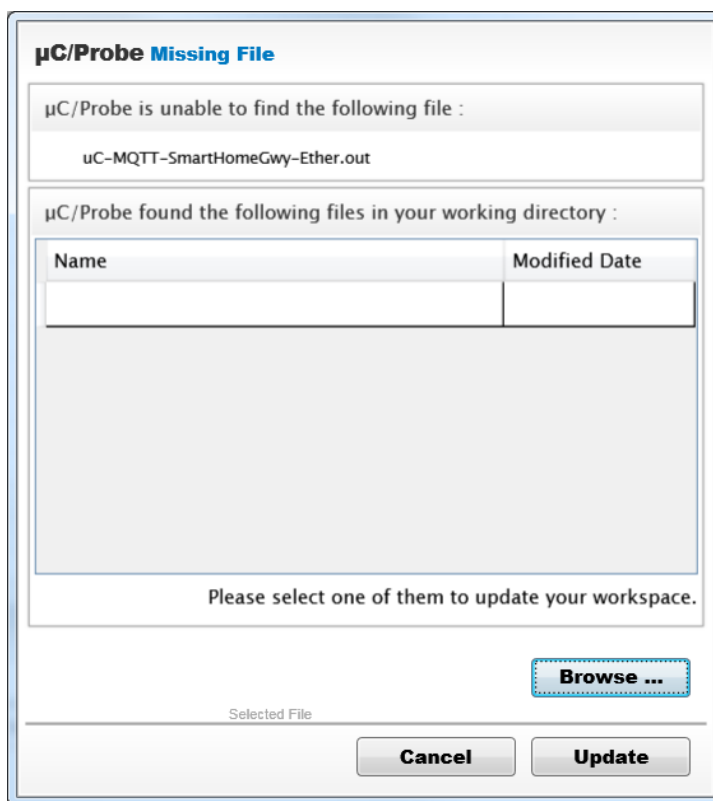
In this step you will use μ C/Probe to control and monitor the simulation through a dashboard that contains controls to modify the sunlight intensity and the state of the electrical loads among others. At the same time, the dashboard will display the current output values (amps) calculated by the simulation algorithm as shown in the following image.



7-1. Open μ C/Probe in your Windows PC and click **File** → **Open** to open the dashboard example file **SmartHomeGateway.wsp** located at the following path in your Windows PC:

```
└─Micrium
   └─Software
      └─ $\mu$ C-Probe
         └─Workspaces
```

- 7-2.** The first time you open the workspace an error message will report that μ C/Probe was unable to find the ELF file in your file system.

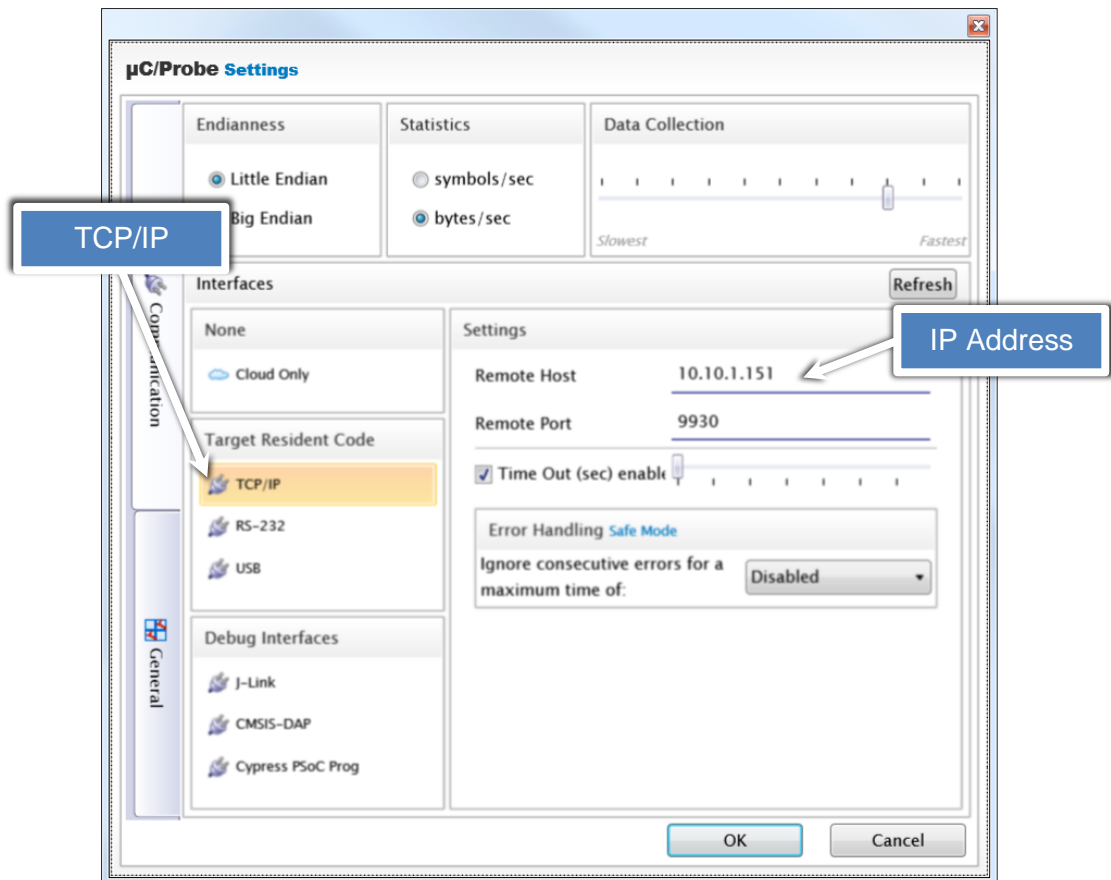


You can update the path to the file depending on where you have your **Micrium** folder in your file system:

```

└─Micrium
    └─Examples
        └─TI
            └─EK-TM4C1294XL
                └─uC-MQTT-SmartHomeGwy
                    └─EW-IAR
                        └─FLASH
                            └─Exe
                                └─uC-MQTT-SmartHomeGwy-Ether.out
  
```

- 7-3.** Click the **Settings** button located in the top toolbar of μ C/Probe and configure the Communication Settings to **TCP/IP** and your IoT device's **IP address** as shown in the previous step 5-5.



7-4. Click the **Run** button located in the top toolbar of µC/Probe.

7-5. Click on the **Dashboard** tab of µC/Probe to go to the Smart Home Gateway dashboard screen. Press the buttons above each appliance to turn the household loads on and off. You can also increase or decrease the sunlight intensity with the vertical slider next to the solar panel.

Step 8

Monitoring and Controlling the IoT Device remotely from the Web

2lemetry's ThingFabric™ is the IoT platform where all the data generated by the embedded target is stored. The IoT device connects to this platform using MQTT; a simple publish/subscribe protocol. For more information about MQTT please visit <http://mqtt.org>

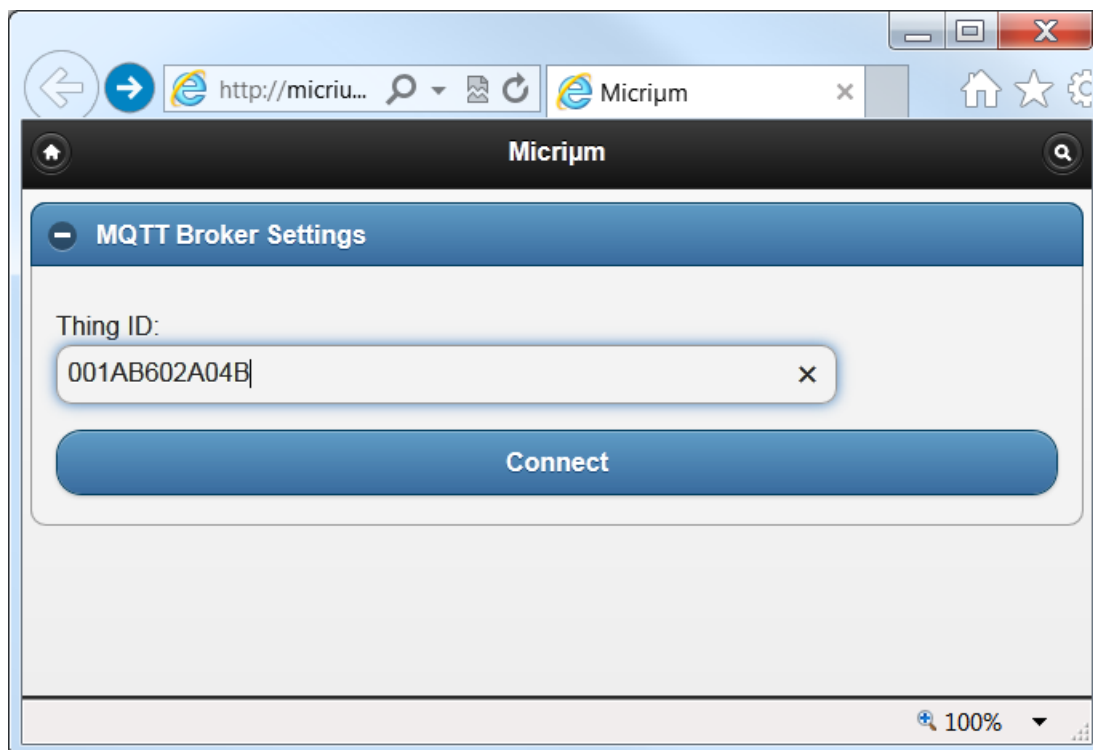
Your IoT device is periodically publishing the latest simulation data values to the MQTT broker at 2lemetry via MQTT. At the same time, the IoT device subscribes to a topic to receive any requests from a remote MQTT client to control the Smart Home Gateway.

In this step you will use your internet browser to control and monitor the simulation through a web page that contains controls to modify the sunlight intensity and the state of the electrical loads. At the same time, the webpage will display the current output values (amps) calculated by the simulation algorithm.

8-1. Open an internet browser such as **Google Chrome** and go to the following address:

<http://micrium.com/iotdemos/smarthomegateway>

8-2. The TM4C1294 board's MAC address will be used as a unique ID in the 2lemetry IoT platform. This unique ID is known as the **Thing ID** and it is displayed on previous step 5-5. Type in the Thing ID (e.g. 00305508....) in the text box to connect to your IoT device as shown below:



8-3. Once connected to your IoT device you can turn On and Off the household loads as shown in the image below:



Use the navigation bar at the bottom of the web page to go to other views that will display the state of the Solar Panel and Battery Bank. There is also other view labeled as Net Meter, that displays your power meter and how much of that demand is coming from the power company and your solar system.